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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON ISRAELI CABINET DECISION

1. FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT MADE AT NOON TODAY BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON THE U.S. REACTION TO THE ISRAELI CABINET DECISION LAST SUNDAY ON THE TWO QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE U.S. CONCERNING THE ISRAELI POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF QUERIES ABOUT OUR REACTION TO THE ISRAELI CABINET DECISION OF SUNDAY, WHICH I NOW WANT TO RESPOND TO.
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YOU WILL RECALL THAT WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN WAS HERE IN EARLY MAY WE ADDRESSED TWO QUESTIONS TO HIM IN AN EFFORT TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THE ISRAELI POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. THESE QUESTIONS WERE:

-- COULD ISRAEL SAY THAT AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS THE QUESTION OF THE FINAL STATUS OF THESE TERRITORIES WOULD BE RESOLVED?

-- WHAT COULD ISRAEL SAY ABOUT THE MECHANISM BY WHICH THIS QUESTION WOULD BE RESOLVED?

WE HAVE NOW HAD TIME TO REFLECT ON THE ISRAELI REPLIES, AND WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A FULL EXPLANATION ON THE CABINET DECISION FROM FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN. WE REGRET THAT THE ISRAELI REPLIES DID NOT FULLY RESPOND TO OUR QUESTIONS.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT ITS IDEAS ON WEST BANK AND GAZA ISSUES. IN LIGHT OF ISRAEL'S RESPONSES AND THESE EGYPTIAN

VIEWS, WE WILL NOW BE UNDERTAKING ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS
WITH BOTH THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS AS TO
NEXT STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO HELP THE PARTIES
RESUME NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

3. FOR TEL AVIV AND CAIRO: ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SAUNDERS HAS CONVEYED THIS STATEMENT TO MINISTER BAR-ON
OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AND WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED
EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR GHORBAL. VANCE

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